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For: METHOD FOR VERIFYING AMOUNT OF SAMPLE SOLUTION, METHOD FOR CONTROLLING MEASUREMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MEASURING CONCENTRATION OF SOLUTION IN APPARATUS FOR MEASURING OPTICAL CHARACTERISTIC

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the reference be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the

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